

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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March 1, 2015

Parish Registration: If you wish to become a member, registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or you may contact the parish office or visit sbsbparishes.org and find the registration application under the 'About' tab.

Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 8:30 am–5:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00 am.

Becoming Catholic: Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Contact Fr. Wilmot frwilmot@aol.com 533-8257 or Mary Brouillard mkbrouill@aol.com 533-6596 at St. Bernard's or Sandy Woodruff 282-3854 at St. Bridget's.

St. Bridget's Adoration: Mondays 1:00 - 10:00 pm

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00 am - Wednesdays Midnight. Church doors will be locked from 8:00 pm - 5:00 am on Tuesday and Wednesdays. If you wish to stop by for Adoration during this time, use the doorbell located on the glass doors of the main entrance.

Confessions:

Saturdays at St. Bernard's

4:00 - 4:30 pm

Sundays St. Bridget's

7:45 - 8:15 am

You may call Father to make an appointment.

Baptism: Expectant or new parents, call the office to register for a PreJordan Baptism Class.

Marriage: Make an appointment with Father at least six months prior to the anticipated date.

Pastor's Visit & Sick Calls: If you would like a Communion visit from Fr. Wilmot, call the office 533-8257.

Estate Plans: Have you remembered St. Bernard's or St. Bridget's in your will?

Prayer Group: Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 am at St. Bernard's in the parish library.

Catholic Cancer Support Group: Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

Latin Mass: Held the first and third Sundays of the month at St. Bridget's at 1:00 pm. Questions, contact Don Hagler at 206-4355 or www.rochesterlatinmassociety.org

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, March 2	St. Bernard's 8:00 am Intention for Andrew
Tuesday, March 3	St. Bridget's 8:30 am Alex & Olivia Siebenaler+
Wednesday, March 4	St. Bernard's 8:00 am Intention for Dave & Judy Bunde
Thursday, March 5	St. Bernard's 8:00 am Intention for Jan Heitman
Friday, March 6	St. Bernard's 8:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Paul Fontaine+
	Care Center 9:15 am Fr. Joe Keefe+
Saturday, March 7	St. Bernard's 5:00 pm Mike Roeder+
Sunday, March 8	St. Bridget's 8:30 am Patrick Kuisle+
	St. Bernard's 10:00 am For St. Bernard's & St. Bridget's

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, March 7 - 5:00 pm – St. Bernard's

Rosary: Judy Bunde

Greeters: Kevin & Kari Koenigs

Servers: Adam & Samantha Koenigs

Lector: Marge Reimers

EMC: Judy Bunde, Mary Claeys, Susan Hazelton, Emily Kiefer, Jim Nosbisch

Ushers: Brayde Faulhaber, Alex VandeLoo (2 needed!)

Sunday, March 8 – 8:30 am – St. Bridget's

Server: Victoria Nienow

Lector: Jim Kuisle

EMC: Marilyn Baker, Mary Elton, Britt Noser

Sunday, March 8 – 10:00 am - St. Bernard's

Rosary: Steve Sturm

Greeters: Rob Miller, Glynis Sturm

Servers: Bayli Henderson, Hannah Otto

Lector: Rob Miller

EMC: Scott Christian, Marilyn Eisen, Mychelle Henderson, Pat Robey, Steve Sturm, Krissy Sullivan

Ushers: Kevin Christian, Brian Meyerhofer, Jim Otto

Pastor's Corner

During this season of Lent we might ponder more the fact that through baptism we are forever God's children and so share His life. Through baptism not only is all sin taken away but we are given the possibility, through grace, to rise above all the sin in the world. Our goodly actions should be offered in union with Christ. So when we help the poor, for instance, we do so as Christ; when we support our local church or diocese we do so as Christ. If we follow the Lord, we shall be transfigured into his image and on the last day this will be seen by all.

In today's first reading we see how Abraham is called upon to offer His only son in sacrifice but the hand of death is stayed by our loving God. Jesus was not saved from earthly death because he was destined to defeat death by rising above it. The glory of the resurrection can only come through the defeat of the cross. We should accept our difficulties, our sufferings and join them to those of Christ. We too will rise above them. If we have faith that God is with us, we can withstand all. God bless you all.

Stewardship Reflection

The readings on this Second Sunday of Lent are intended to strengthen and confirm our own faith in the midst of our Lenten treks. The faith of Abraham and Isaac are presented in the first reading from Genesis. Clearly both Abraham and his son Isaac have total faith in God, the kind of faith we are called to pursue and to demonstrate through lives of stewardship. The faith is borne out of love, a father for a son, a son for a father. We God's children should be moved by such love and inspired by such faith. It is the love to which we are called, understanding that God loves us, and we are to love God. Knowing that love allows us to what we must and should do.

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Stations will be prayed at both of the parishes throughout Lent. Wednesdays at St. Bridget's at 5:30 pm, and Thursdays at St. Bernard's at 6:30 pm (come early 5:45 pm for soup at St. Bernard's).

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Received as of February 22

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 5,999.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,897.96
Fiscal YTD Received	\$157,600.87
YTD Budgeted	\$166,530.69
Under Budget	\$ 8,929.82-

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 1,204.55
Amount Budgeted	\$ 1,992.65
Fiscal YTD Received	\$ 74,081.02
YTD Budgeted	\$ 67,750.23
Over Budget	\$ 6,330.79+

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2015

(Formerly known as: Diocesan Annual Appeal)

Please be generous to this worthy appeal. Monies received may only be used for the purposes outlined in the mailing you received. All monies in excess of our goal will go towards the following projects:

St. Bernard's: Parish Building Fund aka "Together in Faith" - still \$385,000 to pay off.

St. Bridget's: Cemetery Permanent Care - underfunded by \$79,000.

Please be generous to the works within our diocese and to our own special needs. Fr. W.



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Our Parishes

Quilting / Sewing Group: Meet on Thursday, March 5 in the Marian Room (school side) of St. Bernard's from 1:00-3:30 pm.

First Friday Visits: If you would like a Communion visit from Father on the first Friday of the month (March 6) from 10:00 am - noon or later if arranged, call the office 533-8257 and leave a message on Father's or Pam's voicemail.



Purple Calendar: Take a Lenten Schedule for yourself so you know when Stations are, Communal Penance, Holy Week and Easter Mass times.

Liturgical Ministers: Check the online scheduler from time to time. Fill in spots if you can.

St. Bernard's

Baptism: Blessings to Beau Daniel Miller, son of Daniel & Ashley, as he receives the holy sacrament of baptism.

Men's Club Meeting: The first Tuesday evening of the month (March 3) at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

Adult Choir: On Sunday, March 8, we'll provide music ministry at the 10:00 am Mass. Meet at 8:50 am for rehearsal.

Breakfast: The Men's Club will be serving breakfast after Mass on Sunday, March 8. Plan on enjoying great food and fellowship!

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 pm

Spaghetti Dinner: The Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at Riverview Greens Club House. Tickets are \$20 each, which includes strolling musicians, authentic Italian waiters, entertainment, raffle drawings and the grand prize drawing of a 40" Samsung Smart HD TV (need not be present to win) and of course the meal - Mama's original recipe spaghetti & meatballs, fresh garden salad, garlic toast, spumoni ice cream and a glass of wine. Tickets are on sale after Mass, in the parish office or from the Crossroads License Bureau.

Thanks! Thank you to everyone who supported my Bake Sale last weekend to help with my Eagle Scout Project. Approximately 75% of the money was earned for the project, which will be a cabinet made for the religious ed department for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classroom. ~ Jacob Edholm



Gift Baskets: The Men's Club is looking for donations of gift baskets for the Spaghetti Dinner. If you have a business you'd like to promote by donating items or services, this is a great chance, or if you're creative or crafty and would be willing to make up a basket of items, that works too! Bring them to the parish office or to Mass and give them to the ushers, who will put the baskets in the office for safe-keeping. Questions contact Bill Oswald or Ken Trisko.

Religious Education

St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's

Regular Class: Wednesday, March 4 at St. Bernard's from either 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm.

Grade 2 & Grade 5: You will be going to the Care Center for Card Bingo. Grade 2 students and a parent, please be at the Care Center at 6:30 pm. Grade 5 students can be dropped off at the Care Center by 6:30 pm and picked up there at 7:30 pm.

Adults: Catholicism Special Edition by Fr. Wilmot will be held at St. Bernard's on Wednesday, March 4 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the church area.

St. Bridget's

Thanks a Bunch! Thank you so much to everyone who helped in any way with Family Parish Night. Thank you also to Wanda Nienow, Sandy Woodruff and Jeannette Sheehan for helping us to learn more about our faith. ~ Bridget O'Neill, co-chair

Spaghetti Dinner Tickets: If you are interested in purchasing tickets to St. Bernard's Mama Tranchita's Spaghetti Dinner, Jim Kuisle will be selling them after Mass. The cost is \$20 per ticket.

Around The Area

Lourdes High School Presents the 15th Annual Night of Jazz: This fundraising evening, open to the public, will support the music department at Lourdes High School. Relax to background jazz music as you socialize with family and friends. Listen to vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles by our high school and junior high musicians. Enjoy desserts and beverages as you mingle with one another at the Rochester International Event Center on Saturday, March 7, 7:00 pm. Tickets and table reservations may be pre-ordered at LHSNightofJazz@gmail.com Tickets for general seating will also be available at the door. Adults \$20; Seniors or students \$15. Reserved table for eight, \$200.

Wines of Easter: Come for a wine-tasting evening on Saturday, March 7, 7-9 pm at St. Pius Church (1315 12th Avenue NW, Rochester). Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres. Must be 21 to attend. Advance tickets: \$10 per person, or \$12 at the door: Purchase /reserve tickets at parish office 288-8238. Reserve tickets for pick-up at event from Mike Sheehan, 288-3767 or Bob & Ann Freund 280-0037. Sponsored by the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary